

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CRESTON CITY COUNCIL APRIL 6, 2010

The Creston City Council met in regular session at 6:00 o'clock P.M. on the above date in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Complex with Mayor Woods presiding.

Roll call being taken with the following Council members present: Wynn, White, Winborn, Wilson and Wagner. Shelton and Koets were absent.

Wilson moved seconded by White to approve the agenda as amended. All voted aye. Shelton and Koets were absent. Motion declared carried.

Wilson moved seconded by Wagner to approve the consent agenda, which included approval of minutes of regular meeting on March 16, 2010, claims of \$374,017.10, fund transfers of \$326,445.52 and liquor license for Charley's. All voted aye. Shelton and Koets were absent. Motion declared carried.

During Public Forum, Melvin Scadden, 411 N. Vine, approached Council regarding the status of a nuisance property located at 406 N. Vine Street. He also asked who to contact for junk vehicle complaints and Mayor Woods told him either City Hall or the Police Department.

Tim Marcsisak and Andrew Martin, of Nishna Valley Credit Union, approached the Creston City Council regarding the credit union building a new building on property they own located at the northwest corner of Highway 34 and S. Birch Street. Their intent is to either begin the building in 2010 or 2011. They asked if the City would be interested in paving 177' of alley-way between South Birch and South Walnut Streets for their customers' entry and exit of the business. Another option would be for the credit union to reimburse the City the costs of the paving over a 10-year period.

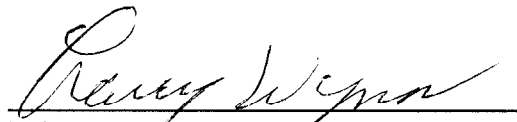
Councilperson Wynn asked if the credit union would then apply for a commercial tax abatement. Mr. Marcsisak said if the City afforded them the paved alley, they would not apply for a tax abatement. Wynn then told him they would probably save more by applying for the tax abatement, as opposed to having the City pave 177' of alley-way for them.

A resolution was offered by Wynn seconded by Wilson to award contract to Wicks Construction, Inc. for the Cottonwood Street Reconstruction Project and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the proper documentation. Wagner, Wynn, White, Winborn and Wilson voted aye. Shelton and Koets were absent. Resolution declared passed.

A resolution was offered by Winborn seconded by Wilson to consider bid proposals and authorize contracts for demolition of city-owned properties for the Neighborhood Stabilization Project and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the proper documentation. Wynn, White, Winborn, Wilson and Wagner voted aye. Shelton and Koets were absent. Resolution declared passed.

A resolution was offered by Wagner seconded by Wilson to set a date for Public Hearing and Letting on plans, specifications and estimate of cost for acquisition of snow removal equipment for the Creston Municipal Airport on May 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the proper documentation. White, Winborn, Wilson, Wagner, and Wynn voted aye. Shelton and Koets were absent. Resolution declared passed.

THE UNDERSIGNED COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE CHECKED THE  
CLAIMS AS PRESENTED FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2010

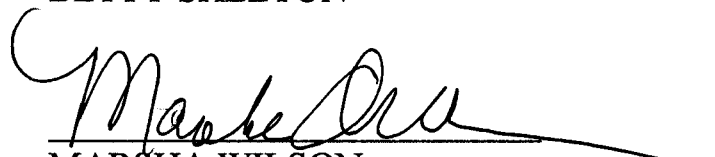
  
LARRY WYNN


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TERRI KOETS

  
RANDY WHITE

  
LOYAL WINBORN

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BETTY SHELTON

  
MARSHA WILSON

  
LARRY WAGNER

Fire Chief Todd Jackson spoke with Council regarding nuisance properties. He has been working with City Attorney Skip Kenyon for over a year on five different properties, which are considered dangerous and uninhabited. We do have the option of acquiring these properties by abandonment pursuant Iowa Code 657A.10A. The problem with owning these nuisance properties is that there are a lot of costs involved in the demolition process – asbestos and rubble removal.

Mayor Woods and the Council agreed they would like to proceed with the acquisitions in order to clean up the areas and request this be put on the next agenda for action to be taken.

Chief Jackson also discussed the new storm sirens that were recently purchased with funds from a grant received by the City. With assistance from City crews and Alliant Energy on the installation of the sirens, savings to the City was approximately \$22,000 - \$25,000. There will be a storm siren test beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2010. Once these go into full service, there will no longer be a noon whistle, except for one Saturday a month, and only done as a test. Because the sirens rotate, there will no longer be an all-clear siren, as it will only be confusing to the citizens.

Chief Jackson would also like to see the City accept sealed bids for the old sirens once they have been taken down.

A resolution was offered by Wagner seconded by Wilson to amend Resolution No. 125 – 10 by removing “date and time” due to potential postponements and cancellations and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the proper documentation. Wynn, White, Winborn, Wilson and Wagner voted aye. Shelton and Koets were absent. Resolution declared passed.

A resolution was offered by Wilson seconded by White to authorize real estate appraisals on 310 N. Mulberry, 407 S. Vine, 409 N. Spruce and 224 Myrtle as part of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the proper documentation. Wagner, Wynn, White, Winborn and Wilson voted aye. Shelton and Koets were absent. Resolution declared passed.

A resolution was offered by Wilson seconded by Winborn to approve Federal Assistance and grant applications for the City of Creston Public Library and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the proper documentation. Wagner, Wynn, White, Winborn and Wilson voted aye. Shelton and Koets were absent. Resolution declared passed.

Wilson moved seconded by White to approve a temporary street closing around McKinley Lake at Lake Shore Drive, Spillway Road, Stone Street and have a walking path-width on Adams Street from 3 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. on April 17, 2010 for the McKinley Lake Mini-March sponsored by Mommies of Angels, a group fundraising event for the March of Dimes / March for Babies. All voted aye. Shelton and Koets were absent. Motion declared carried.

Under Other Items, City Administrator Mike Taylor reminded everyone that the Hurley Creek/McKinley Lake Clean-up will be the week of April 12, 2010. Volunteers are welcome and Community Day will be on April 17, 2010 and everyone should meet in the Swimming Pool parking lot.

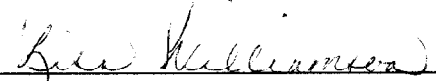
Councilperson Wilson asked Police Chief Ver Meer if the Police Department was enforcing the City's curfew and wondered if it may need to be revised. Chief Ver Meer said

he would check with other communities of similar size and see what their ordinances are and how they are enforcing them.

Winborn moved seconded by Wagner to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Shelton and Koets were absent. Motion declared carried. Council adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk